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N.I.A. 1st Meeting

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting held in Room 212,
Department of State Building
on Tuesday, 5 February 1946, at 11:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, in the Chair
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson
Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal
Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy,
 Personal Representative of the President
Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers,
 Director of Central Intelligence

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Department of State
Mr. Davidson Sommers, War Department
Mr. Edward Hidalgo, Navy Department

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Mr. James S. Lay, Jr., Central Intelligence Group

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1. PROPOSED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
(N.I.A. 1)

SECRETARY PATTERSON suggested deleting the word "prior" in the 8th line of page 3, in order to make it clear that approval by the Authority was not required.

ADMIRAL SOUERS suggested that this might also be accomplished by substitution of the words "action by" for "prior reference to". He also recommended that a period be placed after "departments" in line 4, paragraph 7, page 4, and that the remainder of the sentence be deleted.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:-

Agreed to the following amendments in N.I.A. 1:

- a. Substitute "action by" for "prior reference to" in line 8 of page 3.
- b. Place a period after the word "departments" in line 4, paragraph 7 of page 4 and delete the remainder of that sentence.

2. PROPOSED TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
(N.I.A. 2)

SECRETARY BYRNES asked what paragraph 2 a on page 1 contemplated as to foreign policy. He pointed out that he is responsible for reporting to the President on matters of foreign policy.

ADMIRAL SOUERS explained his understanding was that the President wanted him only to go through the dispatch traffic and make a digest of significant developments. Admiral Souers emphasized that there was no intention that he should interpret these dispatches or advise the President on any matters of foreign policy. His report was intended to be purely factual as regards the activities of the United States in the field of foreign affairs.

SECRETARY BYRNES stressed the fact that it was his function to furnish the President with information on which to base conclusions.

ADMIRAL LEAHY expressed his understanding that the President wanted the information from all three departments (State, War and Navy) summarized in order to keep him currently informed. Admiral Leahy pointed out that Secretary Byrnes presents the viewpoint of the Department of State while the President would like to receive significant information available in all three departments in a single summary.

SECRETARY BYRNES pointed out that Admiral Souers would not be presenting the viewpoint of any single department. Although the Central Intelligence Group would be composed of personnel from all three departments, Secretary Byrnes believes that any man assigned to that Group must be responsible solely to Admiral Souers.

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ADMIRAL SOUERS suggested that, in order to clarify the meaning of paragraph 4 on page 3, it might be reworded as follows:

"Production of daily and weekly summaries of the significant developments in the field of intelligence and operations related to the national security and to foreign events for the use of the President, the members of this Authority, and additional distribution shown in Appendix 'C'."

After further discussion,

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:-

Agreed to defer final action on N.I.A. 1 and N.I.A. 2, pending further study by Secretary Byrnes.

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N.I.A. 2nd Meeting

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting held in Room 212
Department of State Building
on Friday, 8 February 1946, at 10:15 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, in the Chair
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson
Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal
Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy,
 Personal Representative of the President
Rear Admiral Sidney W. Souers,
 Director of Central Intelligence

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Alfred McCormack, Department of State
Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Department of State
Mr. Davidson Sommers, War Department
Capt. William R. Smedberg, USN

SECRETARIAT

Mr. James S. Lay, Jr., Central Intelligence Group

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1. PROPOSED TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
(N.I.A. 2)

SECRETARY BYRNES stated that he had discussed the intent of paragraph 4-a of the enclosure to N.I.A. 2 with the President, who assured him that only factual statements were desired. Secretary Byrnes therefore suggested adding the words "containing factual statements" after the word "summaries".

ADMIRAL SOUERS questioned whether daily factual summaries would not prove sufficient. He therefore recommended deletion of the words "and weekly" in paragraph 4-a.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Approved N.I.A. 2 subject to rewording of paragraph 4-a of the enclosure thereto as follows:

- "a. Production of daily summaries containing factual statements of the significant developments in the field of intelligence and operations related to the national security and to foreign events for the use of the President, the members of this Authority, and additional distribution shown in Appendix 'C'."

2. PROPOSED POLICIES AND PROCEDURES GOVERNING THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
(N.I.A. 1)

ADMIRAL SOUERS suggested the following rewording of the 3rd and 4th sentences of paragraph 5 of the enclosure to N.I.A. 1, which had been suggested by Mr. McCormack's office for budgetary reasons:

"As approved by this Authority and within the limits of available appropriations, the necessary funds and personnel will be made available to you by arrangement between you and the appropriate member of the Intelligence Advisory Board. You may determine the qualifications of personnel and the adequacy of individual candidates."

ADMIRAL LEAHY thought that the arrangements should be made between Admiral Souers and the appropriate Department through its member on the Intelligence Advisory Board, rather than between Admiral Souers and the appropriate member of that Board.

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Approved N.I.A. 1 subject to the following rewording of the 3rd and 4th sentences of paragraph 5 of the enclosure thereto:

"As approved by this Authority and within the limits of available appropriations, the necessary funds and personnel will be made available to you by arrangement between you and the appropriate department through its member on the Intelligence Advisory Board. You may determine the qualifications of personnel and the adequacy of individual candidates."

N.I.A. 3rd Meeting

NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY

Minutes of Meeting held in Room 212,
Department of State Building
on Tuesday, 2 April 1946, at 11:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, in the Chair
Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson
Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal

(NOTE: Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Personal
Representative of the President, subse-
quently approved the action taken at the
meeting.)

ALSO PRESENT

Mr. Howard C. Petersen, Assistant Secretary of War
Mr. H. Freeman Matthews, Department of State
Mr. Edward Hidalgo, Navy Department

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1. PROGRESS REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

At Secretary Byrnes' request, ADMIRAL SOUERS gave a brief report on the progress of organization of the Central Intelligence Group, and noted some of the more important projects now in progress. He invited attention to the fact that the most urgent problem concerning the disposition of the Strategic Services Unit was covered by the paper for consideration at this meeting. Admiral Souers also explained that further details concerning current projects were available in the weekly Status Report which was distributed to the Authority.

2. POLICY ON LIQUIDATION OF THE STRATEGIC SERVICES UNIT
(N.I.A. 3)

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SECRETARY PATTERSON suggested the following amendments:

a. The addition of a new paragraph to the proposed N.I.A. Directive (page 4) as follows:

"5. The War Department shall retain the right to determine what portion of War Department funds, personnel and facilities can be made available to SSU by the War Department."

b. Insert the words "within your capabilities" in the second line of the third paragraph following the word "service", and in the sixth line of the third paragraph following the word "available".

THE NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITY:

Approved N.I.A. 3 subject to the above amendments (Enclosure A thereto subsequently circulated as N.I.A. Directive No. 4).

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